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SUBJ: BOGOTA MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

REF: BOGOTA 8556

1. THE BOGOTA PRESS IS GIVING SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE TO THE MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THIS CITY NOV 14-16. REPORTS ON THE MEETING HAVE APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF ALL MAJOR BOGOTA DAILIES, USUALLY AMONG THE SECONDARY STORIES, WITH LEADS GENERALLY RESERVED FOR THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND THE COLOMBIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. EDITORIAL WRITERS HAVE ALSO ADDRESSED THE TOPIC.

2. THE NEWS REPORTS HAVE STATED THAT THE MEETING IS THE PRODUCT OF FONMIN VAZQUEZ' INITIATIVE IN NEW YORK AND THAT IT HAS AS ITS PURPOSE THE COORDINATION OF HEMISPHERIC INTERNATIONAL POLICIES
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AS WELL AS ANALYSIS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND FOREIGN ASSIS-

TANCE AMONG OAS MEMBER NATIONS.

3. EL SIGLO (CONSERVATIVE), OF WHICH VAZQUEZ WAS FORMERLY EDITOR, IN A NOV 2 LEAD EDITORIAL, DESCRIBES THE MTG AS BEING WITHOUT AN AGENDA SO THAT THERE MAY BE AN AIRING OF THE VIEWS OF THE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE AIM OF LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LATINS WITH THE US. EL SIGLO SAYS THAT THIS MTG COULD HAVE TRANSCENDENTAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF PAN-AMERICANISM.

4. EL ESPECTADOR (LIBERAL) EDITORIALIZED ON NOV 2 THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ABSENCE FROM THE MTG WILL ALLOW THE LATIN OAS MEMBERS TO REACH A CONSENSUS BEFORE OPENING A DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

5. EL ESPECTADOR ON NOV 2 CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT A UPI REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES STATING THAT THE ARGENTINE FONMIN WOULD NOT ATTEND THE BBGOTA MTG.

6. COMMENT: THE ESPECTADOR EDITORIAL (PARA 4) APPEARS TO TRACK MORE CLOSELY WITH VAZQUEZ' ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF THE MTG (REFTEL) AS A SORTING OUT AMONG THE LATINS OF THEIR POLICIES, PRIOR TO INITIATING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UU GOVERNMENT EARLY IN 1974. THAT OBJECTIVE, IN ITSELF, APPEARS TO BE OPTIMISTIC FOR A THREE DAY MEETING, ESPECIALLY SINCE AT THIS WRITING BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IS STILL NOT REGARDED HERE AS CERTAIN AND ARGENTINA HAS APPARENTLY DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
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